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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner For Patents

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents which are discussed on pages 1-3 of Applicant's specification to the Examiner's attention:

US Patent No. 6,481,310 to Janeczko et al., issued on November 19, 2002;

US Patent No. 6,282,977 to Satoh et al., issued on September 4, 2001;

US Patent No. 5,452,624 to Thomas et al., issued on September 26, 1995;

US Patent No. 5,143,402 to Higashino et al., issued on September 1, 1992;

US Patent No. 5,078,022 to Ichikawa, issued on January 7, 1992;

US Patent No. 4,903,540 to Beauch, issued on February 27, 1990;

US Patent No. 4,892,330 to Beauch, issued on January 9, 1990;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-272524 to Kenji et al., published on October 3, 2000, along with an English language abstract thereof;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-268654 to Kenji, published on October 5, 1999, along with an English language abstract thereof;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-208483 to Kenji et al., published on August 3, 1999, along with an English language abstract thereof;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-198819 to Tadashi, published on July 27, 1999, along with an English language abstract thereof;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-129914 to Kenji et al., published on May 18, 1999, along with an English language abstract thereof;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 10-138934 to Kiyoaki, published on May 26, 1998, along with an English language abstract thereof;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 08-230687 to Tadayuki et al., published on September 10, 1996, along with an English language abstract thereof;

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 6-1110, published on January 11, 1994;

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 3-112468, published on November 18, 1991;

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 64-51567, published on March 30, 1989;

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 63-52666, published on April 8, 1988;

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Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 63-12470, published on January 27, 1988;
Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 60-144569, published on September 25,
1985; and

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 57-142677, published on September 7,
1982.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite each of the above patents. The relevances of the documents are as noted on pages 1-3 of Applicant's specification.

Copies of the above-noted patent documents are attached for the convenience of the Examiner and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98. Further, the above-noted documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent application:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/649,896 to Lee, filed on August 28, 2003.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned application is attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file

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wrapper of the U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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